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Office of Consumer Services

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Utah Committee of Consumer Services**  
Wednesday, November 28, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Kelly Casaday	Robert McMullin	Andrew Riggle
Stephen Christensen	Dennis Nordfelt	
Carolyn Hunter	Kirsten Peterson	

**Staff in Attendance:**

Michele Beck	Eric Orton	Cheryl Murray
Dan Gimble	Bela Vastag	Dan Martinez

**Members of the Public in Attendance:**

Danny Harris, AARP  
Betsy Wolf, Salt Lake Community Action Program  
Austin Summers, Questar Gas  
Dave Taylor, Rocky Mountain Power  
Alair Emory, Office of Energy Development

*The attached powerpoint presentation was used to facilitate this meeting and is incorporated by reference into these minutes.*

1. Welcome & Business

Kelly Casaday called the meeting to order and welcomed Committee members and the public.

2. Minutes

Carolyn Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Stephen Christensen and passed unanimously.

3. Case Updates

Michele Beck provided an update on recent cases including: Lifeline ETC cases, Manti Telephone company request for USF, PacifiCorp 2016 RFP, Rocky Mountain Power's Energy Balancing Account, two offsetting Questar rate changes (DSM amortization and the Infrastructure tracker), the Wexpro II Agreement, ongoing DSM activities and the upcoming RMP depreciation filing. Ms. Beck also discussed a recent study released by SWEEP and potential legislation being discussed for next session.

4. Introduction to New and Upcoming Cases

Michele Beck, with the assistance of other staff, provided an introduction of the following new and upcoming cases: Rocky Mountain Power's Voluntary Request for Approval of Selective Catalytic Reduction Systems for Jim Bridger Units 3 & 4, Changes to Avoided Cost Methodology for Renewable Projects greater than 3 MW, RMP Request for a Certificate of Public Need and Convenience: Sigurd to Red Butte 345 kV Transmission Line, and RMP's Request for a Certificate of Public Need and Convenience: Sigurd to Red Butte 345 kV Transmission Line.

## 5. Telecom Policy Objectives

Michele Beck introduced a new docket opened to examine potential changes to the Utah Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund. The issues raised in that docket are similar to those under consideration by the Committee for a potential telecom policy objective. The Committee continued its discussion on the matter and gave direction to staff to draft some language as a starting point for the next discussion.

## 6. Closed Meeting

Dennis Nordfelt made a motion to go into closed session. Robert McMullin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Committee discussed strategy of litigation before the Utah Public Service Commission pursuant to Utah Code Section 52-4-205 (1)(c). The matters discussed were the following dockets, as noticed:

- Docket No. 12-035-92: In the Matter of the Voluntary Request of Rocky Mountain Power for Approval of Resource Decision to Construct Selective Catalytic Reduction Systems on Jim Bridger Units 3 and 4
- Docket No. 12-035-102: In the Matter of the Voluntary Request of Rocky Mountain Power for Approval of Resource Decision to Acquire Natural Gas Resources
- Docket No. 12-999-10: In the Matter of the Consideration of Potential Changes in the Regulation of the Utah Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund, in Response to Recent Changes in the Federal Universal Service Fund Program
- Docket No. 08-046-01: The Application for the Increase of Rates and Charges by Manti Telephone Company
- Docket No. 12-035-67: In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power to Increase Rates by \$29.3 Million or 1.7 Percent through the Energy Balancing Account
- Docket No. 12-057-13: In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company for Approval of the Wexpro II Agreement

No additional matters were discussed. No motions were made. Robert McMullin made a motion to go back into open session. Dennis Nordfelt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## 7. Other Business and Adjourn

The Committee discussed holding its next meeting in mid-February even though the legislative session will be underway. A doodle poll will be sent soon early in January to choose a specific date for the meeting. Robert McMullin made a motion to adjourn and it passed unanimously.